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Above our heads they're making pies.
They're cutting butter
Into tiny pieces, they're discussing its advantages over lard.

Together we will sit around the table
And the servings will be generous, first the apple, then the pumpkin—

Do we have to eat now?

I can smell the nutmeg.
I can hear the flour sifting to the bowl.